

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRMAN DALE MAHLUM**, on February 19, 2003 at 3:40 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dale Mahlum, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)  
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Stephens, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:  
Executive Action: HB 299

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 299**

**Motion:** SEN. HANSEN moved that HB 299 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

Doug Sternberg, Legislative Staffer, explained the amendments to the bill. He said that on line 14, "may be" would change to "is".

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. NELSON moved that HB 299 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

SEN. LINDA NELSON said she would also like to amend the bill. She asked that HB 299 keep the herd district laws in place.

SEN. MIKE TAYLOR asked if that meant if a person had a herd district, that person would have to fence his animals in. SEN. NELSON said yes.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. NELSON moved that HB 299 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Sternberg suggested that another amendment be adopted. He was interested in clarifying the use of the word "owner" in the bill. Specifically, line 15 would be changed to read "owner of the animals or person in control of the animals". He emphasized that the change would just make the bill more clear; there would be no change in the statute.

NO MOTION WAS MADE TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. MCNUTT moved that HB 299 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:50 P.M.

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SEN. KEITH BALES, Chairman

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JENNIFER STEPHENS, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (ags37aad)